is December 31, 1995 and is to be repaid alongwith interest by September 1, 2013.

The areas of utilisation of the loan includes utilisation of consultants' services for the preparation, solicitation and evaluation of proposals and negotiations with selected bidders for the implementation of new Power Projects, evaluation of outstanding project proposals, review of proposed contractual arrangements and negotiation of power purchase and other related agreements with private/joint venture power promoters.

(d) to (g) In Feb., 1992, World Bank approved a Loan to Govt. of India for Power Utilities Efficiency Improvement Project amounting to US $ 265 Million, the proceeds of which are to be on-lent to PFC, who would re-lend the same to eligible State Electricity Boards. The project will cover areas such as Upgrading of Transmission and Distribution System, System Renovation, Environmental Upgrading of Power Plants, and Institutional Strengthening of Power Utilities, etc. The Loan became effective in March, 1992. There has been no drawal out of the Loan by PFC so far for reasons such as the time required in preparation of schemes, appraisal, finalisation of bid documents etc. It is envisaged that the drawals under the Loan would commence during the current financial year.

Creation of separate News Services Division in Doordarshan on the Lines of AIR

*36. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the move to create a separate News Service Division in Doordarshan on the lines of AIR, has been shelved; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount payable by Department of communications to Equipment Manufacturers

*37. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Communications owes a large amount of money to the manufacturers of equipment purchased by them; and

(b) if so, what are the details of outstanding bills so far and the reasons for non-payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. The Department of Telecommunications owes some amount to various manufacturers of Telecom equipment.

(b) The Department of Telecommunications including Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has purchased equipment worth about Rs. 4500 crores and there are some outstanding bills for payment amounting to approximately Rs. 262 crore. The reasons for non-payment are inadequate funds, limitations on drawing limits of various Telecom Circles, lack of complete documentations required to be attached with the claims etc.

सूती धागों का उत्पादन

*३९. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सूती धागों के उत्पादन में निरंतर वृद्धि हो रही है;